



DEPT. COMM. NO. 119

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
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HONOLULU, HAWAII 96804

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

July 10, 2013

The Honorable Donna Mercado Kim and
Members of the State Senate
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Protection of Personal Information – Report to the Legislature

Dear Honorable Donna Mercado Kim and Members of the State Senate:

In accordance with Section F87J, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the Hawaii State Department of Education is reporting to the Hawaii State Legislature an incident that was discovered on June 12, 2013.

On June 12, 2013, an employee at McKinley High School discovered a desktop computer had been stolen from a locked room on campus. The employee was on leave from June 1, 2013 through June 11, 2013 and discovered the theft upon her return to the office. The computer contained video recordings and written confidential information on special needs students, including documents in the form of evidence for due process cases. It is estimated that the information breach affected fifteen (15) individuals.

Upon discovery of the theft and information breach, a police report was filed, the appropriate theft/loss of property forms were completed and submitted, and all affected individuals whose personal information was potentially exposed were notified. In addition, the school has limited access to the affected room to authorized personnel and installed a deadbolt on the door.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Ruth Silberstein, Complex Area Superintendent, at (808) 733-4950 or via email at ruth_silberstein@notes.k12.hi.us.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. Matayoshi", written over a horizontal line.

Kathryn S. Matayoshi
Superintendent

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c: Governor's Office
Information Privacy and Security Council
Hawaii DOE Office of Information Technology Services
Hawaii DOE Office of School Facilities and Support Services
Hawaii DOE Data Governance Office
Ruth Silberstein, Complex Area Superintendent

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